



**Observer report for Danish open 2024 (MCR, MERS 4,5** (Days=3, Countries=1, Players=0,5))












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**Date:** 10-12 May. 2024

**Place:** Copenhagen, Danmark.

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information was available before the tournament on the (new) website of Mahjong Danmark (<https://mahjong.dk>) : registration, program, list of participants, location, name of the referee, and so on. Regular updates by mail in the weeks before

**Participants:** 60 players from 11 different countries as follow :

FRA	SWE	GER	DEN	SUI	NED	ITA	SIN	POL	EUR	ESP
										
14	12	10	9	4	3	3	2	1	1	1

**Playing schedule:** 3 days, 11 rounds (4+4+3) of 115 mn and the last hand finished to the end.

**Location:** At the Copenhagen Mahjong Club at Haraldsgade 69. Short walk from a metro station or bus stop. The venue had a gaming area and a break area and there was good space for everyone. Players were host comfortably, with sofas and snacking place.

**Equipment:** We played with standard mahjong sets and on a variation of tables. All in good / acceptable condition.

**Refereeing:** Freddy CHRISTIANSEN was non-player referee. A non-player assistant was there also to help if necessary.

**Complaints/Remarks:** No official complaints but some remarks:

- The time limit to complete one round:** was set to 115 minutes (plus extra time to finish the current hand). In other tournaments still 110 minutes is applied. Result was that 99% of the tables finished with 16 hands played. I recommend the EMA to prescribe a minimum of 115 minutes for one round, as the aim of the game is to play 16 hands in one round (and not to be ready before lunch).
- The score sheet used:** I kindly recommend the organization to modify the model used and, to respond to comments of many players (as it is in all the other tournaments):
  - Add 3 columns: Nb of point of the hand / Winner / Discarder
  - Add 1 row at the end to identify penalty

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

Information was clear and well communicated before (on the website) and throughout the tournament. Global information was given to all participants during the tournament opening meeting, which included the welcome messages to the players, the tournament schedules, the assignment of the referees and the observer for the tournament, and other rules and instructions about the event.

Visible clock was projected; every player could see it well. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking was updated between each session.

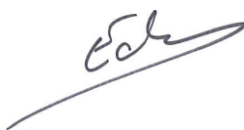
**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

**Catering:** Lunch in the same place (Chinese restaurant at 50m) with vegetarian meals. Free snacking with water, tea, coffee, cookies, fruits, vegetables... was also available between the rounds.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>), one more for the best Danish player. Trophies for the best 3 teams.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament with, this year, players from many different countries. Well organized and great players.

Lyon, France  
26/05/2024

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